



Dear Member,

The State of Colorado and Great-West Healthcare are pleased to introduce a pilot program for members with diabetes. Prescription drug costs have increased dramatically in the last few years, and as a result members may not adhere to drug treatments, which may prevent progression and potential costly complications. Through implementation of this pilot program, Great-West Healthcare and the School of Pharmacy at the University of Colorado, along with the State, will assess if lowering drug costs can influence medication compliance and impact the overall quality of healthcare for members with diabetes.

This pilot study will begin on July 1, 2006, when the prescription co-pay for *all* diabetic medications, supplies and insulin will be the Tier 1, or lowest, co-pay. The prescription deductible (\$100 per individual / \$300 per family) must still be met before the Tier 1 co-pays are applied to medications and supplies.

Following are key points of the pilot program:

1. The program begins July 1, 2006 and continues for 12 months. Evaluations will be conducted after six months and 12 months to determine effectiveness and the continuation of the program in subsequent years.
2. **Those enrolled in the INO-30, PPO 1500, or PPO 3300 plans in FY07 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) will *automatically* participate in this pilot. Due to federal guidelines regarding medical plans offered in conjunction with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), THIS OPPORTUNITY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THOSE ENROLLED IN THE PPO-H PLAN.**
3. The State of Colorado and Great-West Healthcare are limiting the program **ONLY** to medications and testing supplies for diabetes, as the purpose of the study is to determine the effectiveness of lowering drug costs in relation to diabetes.

4. You will still be required to meet your deductible (\$100 for individuals and \$300 for family) for all prescription medications. Once you have met your required deductible, all diabetic medications and testing supplies will be available at the Tier 1 co-pay.
5. All adjustments to prescription co-pays for diabetic medications and testing supplies will be made at the pharmacy when medications are purchased. The Tier 1 co-pay also applies to diabetic medications and supplies purchased via the mail-order program.
6. Any diabetic testing supplies and glucometers purchased *at the pharmacy* will be available at the Tier 1 copay. The program **does not apply** if you receive your diabetic medications or testing supplies at your doctor or provider's office, rather than the pharmacy.
7. The program is not related to the disease management program for diabetes and there is no requirement to enroll in the disease management program, although participation in the disease management program is encouraged.
8. Effectiveness of the program will be assessed independently by researchers at the School of Pharmacy, the University of Colorado at Denver and the Health Sciences Center. Researchers and the plan administrator will not have access to personal health information about members. Any information that could be used to identify a member will be removed from member records before they are released for analysis.

The State and Great-West Healthcare are excited about this pilot study and hope to see dramatic results. We believe by making your prescription medications more affordable we can help reduce the impact diabetes can have on your life. Your participation in this program is sincerely appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact Great-West Healthcare member services at **1-888-788-6326**.

Sincerely,

Great-West Healthcare